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Applicant : Stephen G. Bales  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (OA) of April 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows"

**AMENDMENT**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper. These amendments cancel any new matter as requested by the Office Action of April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 4.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing on page 5 of this paper. Claims 2, 6, and 14 were rewritten in independent form under 37 CFR 1.116 (2) as Applicant is preparing to appeal the Final Rejection. Claims 1 and 16 have the word "lignocellulosic"

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replaced with "thermoplastic" to answer OA Item 4. The thermoplastic ranges are presented in [0011] of the original Specification. Applicant makes this amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 (1) and (3).

**Interview Comments** are provided on page 10 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 10 of this paper.